



## DEFENCE OF SHANGHAI.

## AMERICAN FORCES.

Manila, Feb. 3.—A marine detachment is arriving on the Gold Star from Guam on Friday and is leaving the same day for Shanghai on the U.S.S. *Pecos*. The number is not yet stated, but is presumably 300.—Reuter.

## Recruits Called For.

New York, Feb. 3.—The military authorities have called on ex-servicemen and "especially promising recruits" to volunteer for service in China with the American forces at Tientsin.—Reuter's American Service.

## Close to Hongkong.

Singapore, Feb. 3.—The First Cruiser Squadron, and the Second Battalion of the Durhams, have left for Shanghai.—Reuter.

## SHANGHAI SHAKEN.

## SEVERE EARTHQUAKES ROCK BUILDINGS.

Shanghai, Feb. 3.—Very severe earthquakes shocks were felt in Shanghai at 11.50 this morning. Buildings rocked and for half a minute it was a distinctly unpleasant experience. Shocks of such severity have been rare here hitherto. No damage is reported.

Another shock of seventy seconds duration was felt at 1 p.m. Centre Within 200 Miles. Later.

The local observatory states that today's earthquakes centred 150 to 200 miles west or northwest of Shanghai, and are not considered serious.—Reuter.

## RADIO TELEPHONE.

## SERVICE GREATLY EXTENDED.

Rugby, Feb. 3.—The Post Master General announces that the trans-Atlantic telephone service will, on Saturday, be available to and from all places in England, Scotland and Wales.

Simultaneously, the service will be extended in America to include the States of Delaware and Maryland.—British Wireless.

## AVIATION.

## NEW MACHINES FOR CAIRO-KARACHI.

Rugby, Feb. 3.—The trial flight took place yesterday of the No. 4 Hercules, new aeroplane constructed for the Cairo-Karachi route.

Captain Broad, the pilot, stated that the flight was in every way successful.

Aeroplane No. 5, now under construction, will leave for Cairo on February 23rd.—British Wireless.

## CHANG KAI-SHEK ILL.

## IN HOSPITAL AT KULING.

Shanghai, Feb. 3.—Chang Kai-shek is at present in hospital at Kulung suffering from dysentery.—Reuter.

Beirut, Feb. 3.—Hassan Atrash, the chief of the rebel tribe of Atrash, has submitted to the French authorities.—Havas.

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## FORGED NOTES.

## COOLIE PURCHASES SOME FLOWERS.

A Chinese coolie, who paid for flowers which he purchased with two forged \$10 Hongkong and Shanghai banknotes, was sent to prison for three months on each of two charges of uttering the notes and possession, by Mr. Schofield at the Central Magistracy yesterday morning. Detective Sergeant MacDonald was in charge of the case.

In outlining the facts, Sergt. MacDonald said one complainant was hawking flowers on February 1st at about eight o'clock, and the defendant bargained with him as to the price. He eventually agreed to pay \$1 for some, and tendered a \$10 note. The hawker was doubtful as to whether the note was genuine or not, and a Chinese detective who was passing in plain clothes remarked there were a lot of forged notes in circulation. The note was handed to the detective, who pronounced it a forgery.

A crowd had in the meanwhile collected, and the second complainant came forward and handed a similar note to the detective, declaring that the defendant had handed it to him an hour previously, and on which he gave \$9.20 in change. This was also a forgery.

The defendant was searched and was found to have \$8.85 in good money in his possession. He had been given every opportunity to produce the man who he said gave him the note, but he had been unable to do so.

Witnesses were called who corroborated the facts for the prosecution.

The defendant said an old man bought flowers from him to the value of \$4 and he gave a \$10 note, receiving \$6 in change. He denied the charges and said he knew nothing about the second note.

The defendant was sent to prison as stated above. His Worship ordering the sentences to run concurrently.

Honolulu.—Much interest has been aroused in Hawaii over recent word from Washington that a dirigible air line operating on a 36-hour schedule between Hawaii and California may be a reality in 1928. Airplane landing fields are at present kept up on all the islands of the Hawaiian group and are used continually by the army and navy machines.

## DENTITION.

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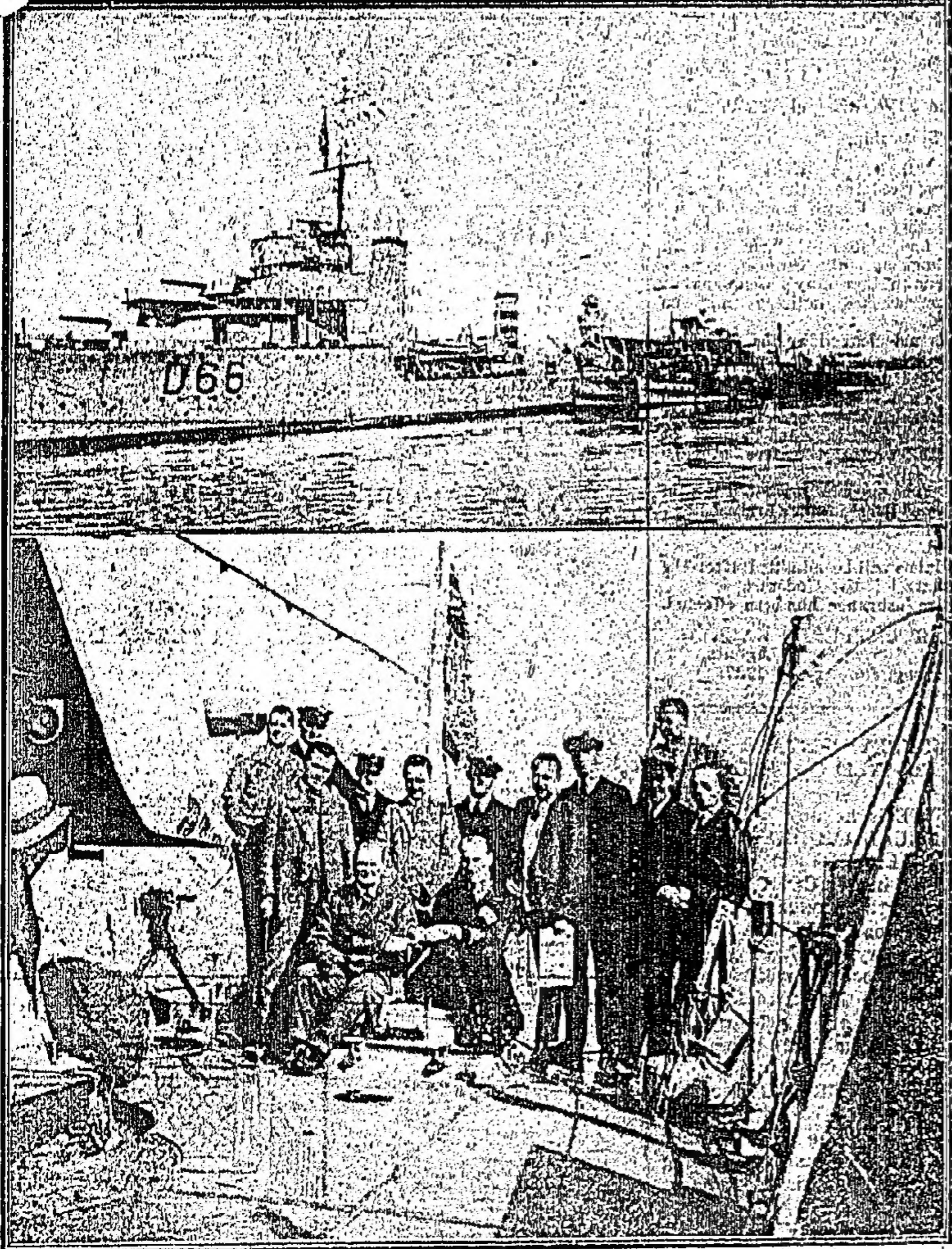
## PASSENGERS ARRIVED.

Per a.s. President Jackson from Manila on February 2nd. Mr. Wm. M. Baer, Dr. J. D. Castillo, May, and Mrs. H. G. Fitz, Mrs. P. Francisco, Miss D. Hiracherry, Miss K. Hirashberg, Mr. R. L. Masten, Mr. M. H.

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Per a.s. President Taft from San Francisco and Shanghai, February 2,

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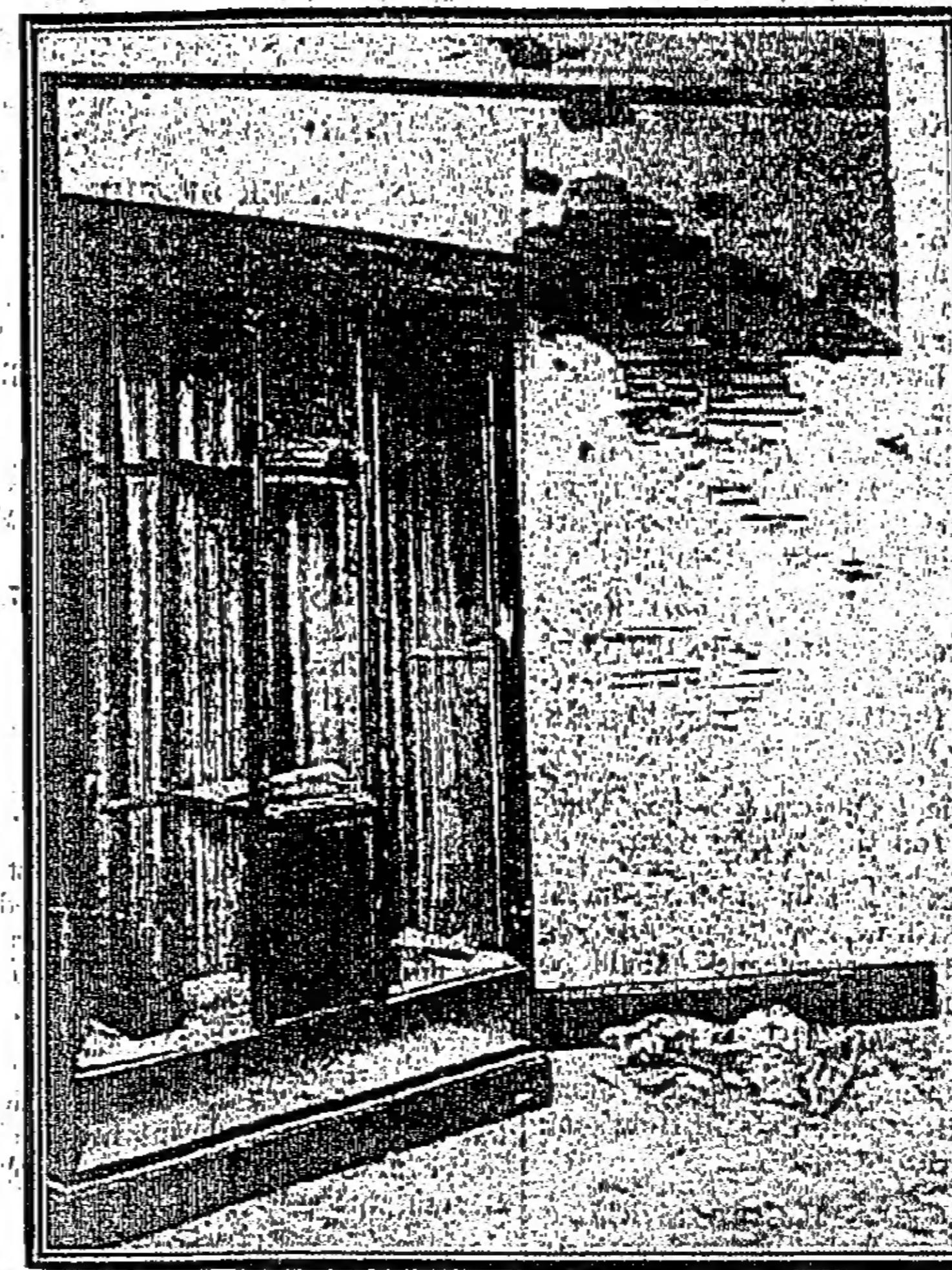
KUKKIANG BRITONS' REFUGE.—Top picture shows H.M.S. Wyvern lying in the Yangtze River off Kukkiang, with the launches which are being used as offices by British merchants of Kukkiang laying alongside. Below are seen a number of refugees and their hosts on Wyvern.



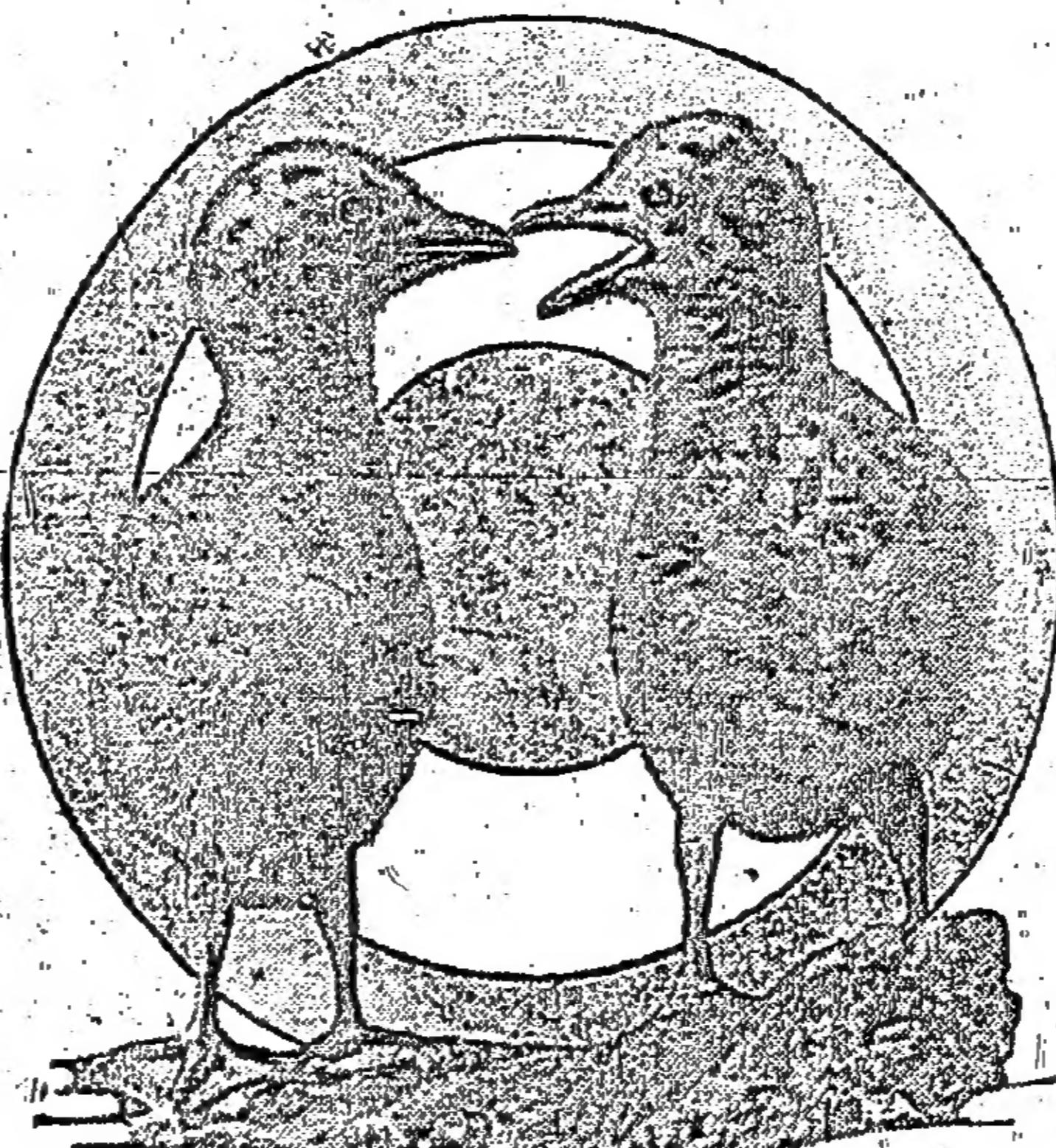
WOOLLY MONKEY.—A specimen of Humboldt's woolly monkey which has just arrived at the London Zoological Gardens. The species is notable for its facial resemblance to an old negro and for its thick coat of woolly fur. (Times copyright).



CHRISTMAS PLAY.—The Prince and Princess in a scene from the Lycum pantomime, "The sleeping Beauty". (Times copyright).



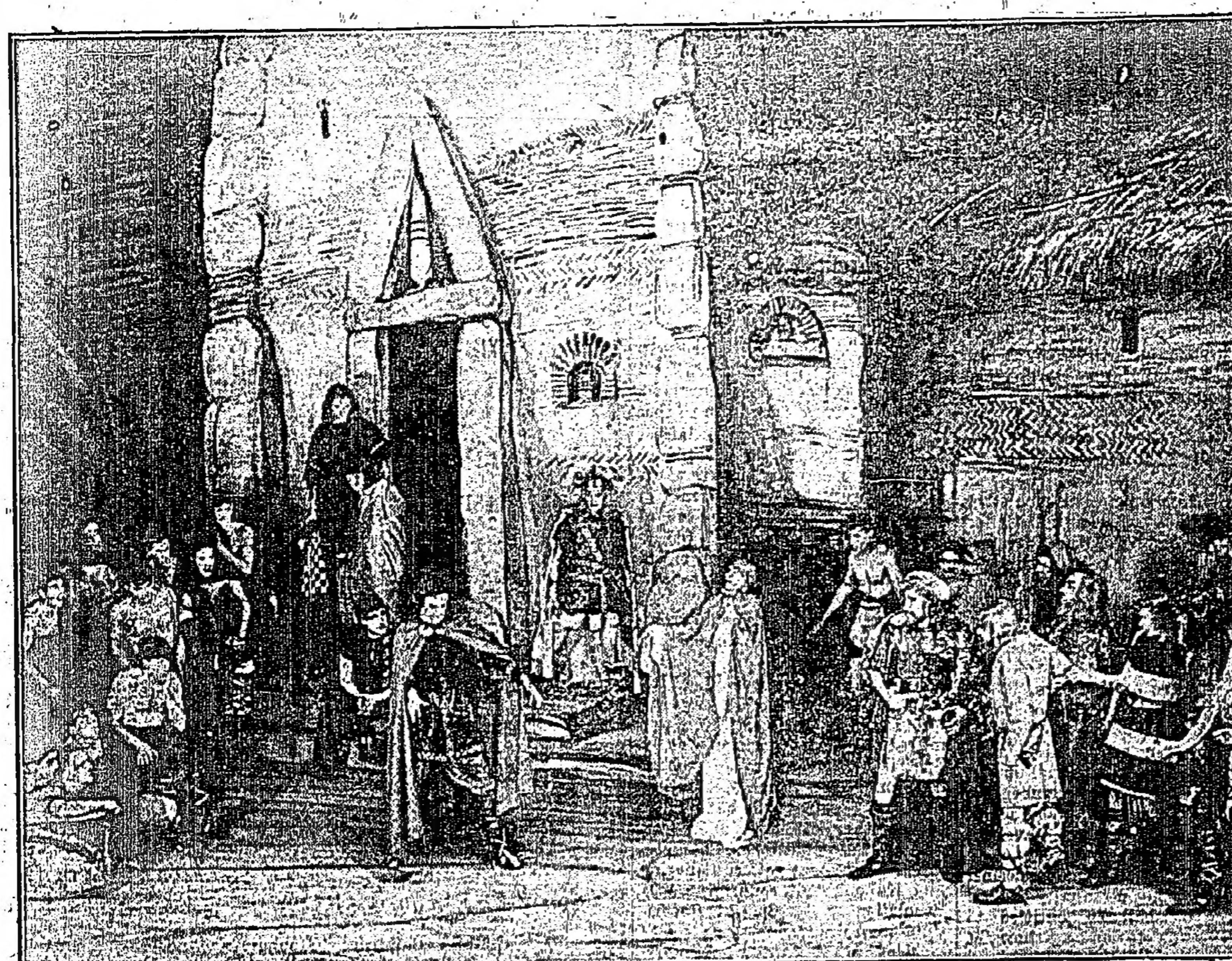
BOMBARDED AND LOOTED.—Here is shown part of a bedroom in the China Inland Mission house at Nanchang after the bombardment in October and the subsequent occupation by troops. Readers will notice the shellhole in the wardrobe where the mirror was. The wardrobe doors were burned by the troops.



INQUISITIVE.—These birds are two glaucous winged gulls, photographed in Alaska by Mrs. Irene Finley, photographer for the Arctic photo graphic expedition of America.

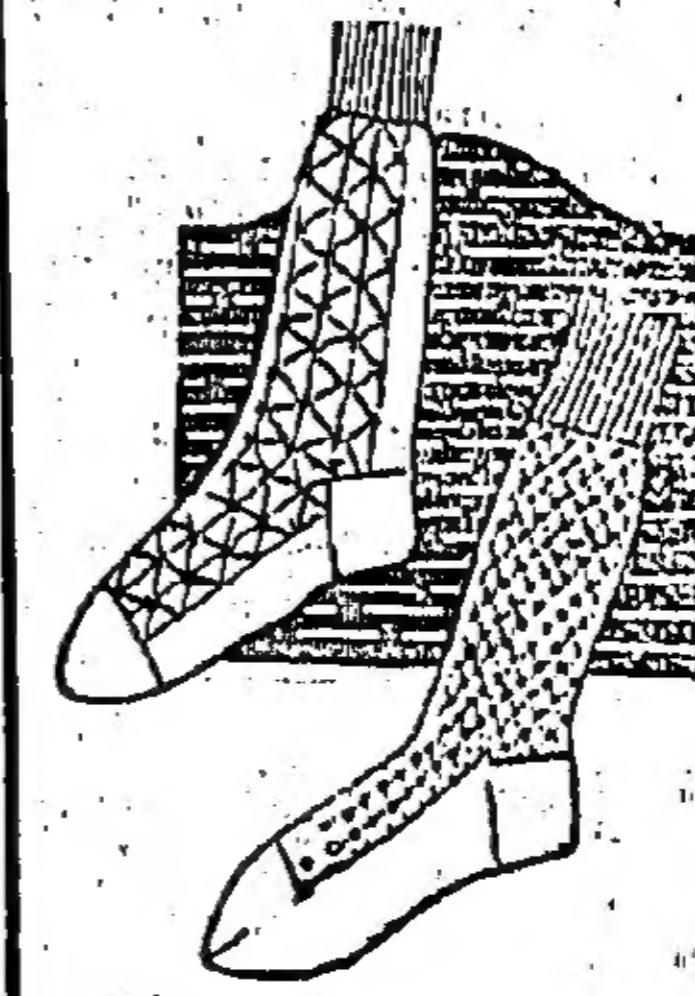


FOR ART'S SAKE.—Swiss schoolmasters seem to be very sensitive, for when Virginie Laroze, pupil in Lausanne, sketched her instructor, she was expelled. Her parents, however, brought court action and compelled her reinstatement. Virginie is shown above with the picture, which was produced in court.



NEW PRODUCTION OF MACBETH.—A scene from Miss Sybil Thorndike's production of Macbeth at the Prince's Theatre. The scenery was specially designed by Mr. Charles Ricketts, A.R.A. Mr. Henry Ainley plays Macbeth and Miss Sybil Thorndike Lady Macbeth. (Times copyright).

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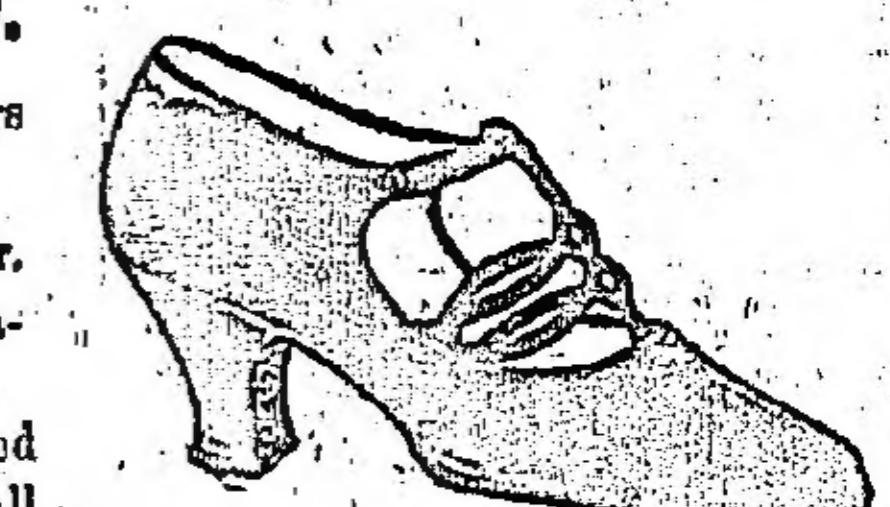
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## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

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### HONGKONG HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The Annual General Meeting of the Members of the above Society will be held on Tuesday, 8th February, 1927, at 5.15 p.m. in the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.

All Ladies & Gentlemen interested in Horticulture, whether Members of the Society or not, are cordially invited to attend.

### AGENDA.

To receive and pass the Committee's Report & Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1926.

To elect Officers & a new Committee for the current year.

To fix the date of the Annual Flower Show, which the Outgoing Committee recommend should be held on Thursday, 10th March, 1927.

To discuss any matter of interest to Horticulturists in Hongkong and outlying districts.

E. B. C. HORNELL,  
Hon. Secretary,  
Hongkong, 21st Jan., 1927.

(3) That in Article 65 in line 2 thereof the words "and place" be deleted and that at the end of such Article, the following words be added: "All meetings of the Society shall be held in Hongkong or in such other place outside the United Kingdom as the Directors may from time to time determine."

(2) That in Article 89 in the first line thereof between the word "Society" and the word "shall," the following words shall be inserted: "from which the business of the Society shall be managed, conducted, and controlled."

(3) That between Articles 108, and 109, the following new Article be inserted:—

Place of Directors' Meetings.

108 (a). "All meetings of Directors shall be held in Hongkong or in such other place outside the United Kingdom as the Directors may from time to time determine."

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(5) That in Article 122 (b) in the third and fourth lines thereof the words "both in Hongkong and" be deleted and in Article 122 (d) in the fourth line thereof between the word "purposes" and the word "and," the following words be inserted: "outside the Colony of Hongkong."

Should the above mentioned Resolution be passed by the requisite majority, it will be submitted for confirmation as a Special Resolution to a further Extraordinary General Meeting, and such Meeting will be held on Friday, the 4th day of March, 1927, at the same time and place, for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, confirming such Resolution as a Special Resolution accordingly.

Dated this 31st day of January, 1927.

By Order of the Board,  
PAUL LAUDER,  
General Manager.

BRITISH TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of British Traders' Insurance Company, Limited, will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, Union Building, Pedder Street, Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong, on Tuesday, the 15th day of February, 1927, at 12.15 p.m., when the subjoined Resolution will be proposed.

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(2) That Article 80 be deleted and in lieu thereof the following Article be substituted:—

"Votes of Members." 80. "On a show of hands every member present shall have one vote, and upon a poll every member present in person or by proxy shall have one vote for every share held by him. No member not personally present shall be entitled to vote on a show of hands, unless such member is a corporation present by a proxy or a company present by a representative duly authorized by Section 69 of Ordinance No. 58 of 1911, in which case such proxy or representative may vote on the show of hands as if he were a member."

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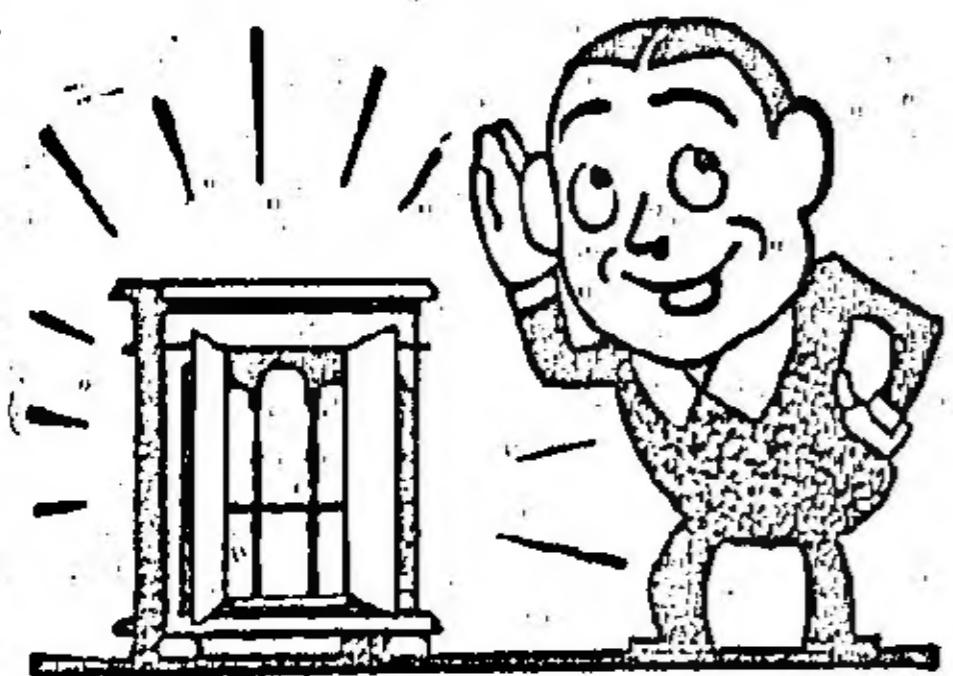
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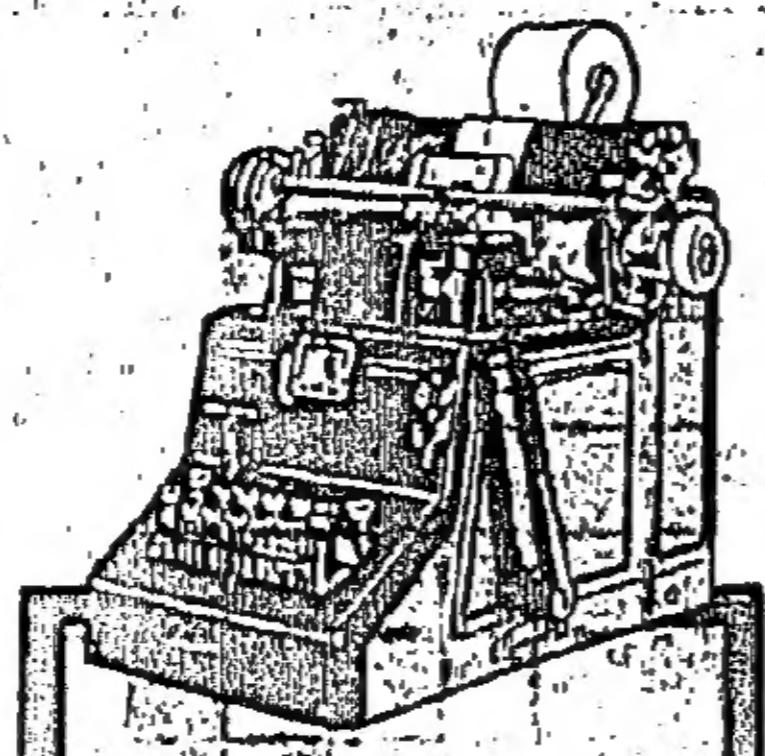
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**Hongkong Telegraph**

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1927.

**A FLIMSY EXCUSE.**

Apart from the more serious consequences which may arise therefrom, Mr. Eugene Chen's eleventh-hour refusal to sign the agreement which had been virtually reached between himself and Mr. O'Malley is likely to react most unfavourably, in all quarters of the globe, on the Nationalist movement. The whole world has been closely watching the attempts which Britain has been making to adjust her differences with the Nationalists at Hankow, and the impartial observer, as he followed the developments, was likely to be impressed more by evidences of straight evasion and trickery, for knowing the facts as he did, the reasons for declining to append his signature to the document cannot be viewed at anything other than the flimsiest of excuses.

For many weeks past Mr. Chen and Mr. O'Malley have been negotiating, during the whole of which time the Nationalist Foreign Minister has been fully aware of the fact that British troops were being sent East as a precautionary measure in case British lives and property were placed in further jeopardy. During the conversations, Mr. Chen does not appear to have once raised this point, preferring, it would seem, to allow matters to reach the final stage and then to trot out these military movements as a pretext for refusing to endorse the final understanding. No-one is likely to be impressed with this piece of obvious camouflage, and it is only natural that competent observers should search around for the real reason of this sudden change of front. In one quarter, it is suggested that Mr. Chen has had difficulties with the irreconcilables; in another, it is inferred that he is not a free agent. Both conclusions will strengthen the impression that the Kuomintang's Soviet advisers are the dominating element in the Nationalist camp. Mr. Chen says it is significant that neither Japan nor the United States are concentrating armed forces in Shanghai. But that argument is easily countered. So

far as Japan is concerned, there is no immediate necessity to move troops, owing to her close proximity to China, whilst in the case of the United States Mr. Chen cannot be ignorant of the fact that marines are being massed at Guam and in the Philippines for the express purpose of being as near at hand as possible, in case emergencies arise. Britain being ten thousand miles away, it is, as Baron Shidōtara rightly says, only a natural precaution that she should take time by the forelock. Mr. Eugene Chen knows as well as anybody that there is nothing either coercive or provocative in the movement of these British forces. They are being sent East for expressly the same purpose that the United States is despatching marines to Guam and Manila, and for the same reason that the American military authorities are calling for ex-service men to volunteer to go to Tientsin—namely, to be at hand should untoward events occur.

As a result of this latest development, the outside world will be able to judge the difficulties which Britain has had to face in attempting to reach a settlement with the Nationalists. By the liberality of our offers to the Nationalists, we have shown that we would like to regard their leaders as people in whom we could put our trust. The sudden turn now taken by Mr. Eugene Chen, however, is almost sufficient to warrant doubt on that point. No negotiations, especially when based on give-and-take, as these are, can hope to come to fruition unless there is faith in assurances given. Britain has again and again made it clear that the sending of troops to the East is purely a precautionary measure. Mr. Eugene Chen believes, or says he does, that intimidation is the object. In the face of such wilful blindness to the facts we can scarcely be blamed if we begin to have doubts as to the utility of further conferences with the Nationalists.

**SLandering the Dead.**  
Of late years there has been a marked growth in the tendency of "memoir" writers to glory in "exposing" the weaker side of the leaders of our national life, and, in the sensational libel action just concluded at Home in which a descendant of the great Gladstone has been at law with a Captain Peter Wright, we see yet another instance of this tendency. Apart altogether from the issue of libel before the Court at Home and whether the present Lord Gladstone was justified in calling Captain Peter Wright a "liar, coward and a fool," we think there will be very few people who will not agree that this habit of slandering dead politicians and railing over the frailties of their private lives is a thoroughly bad one, worthy of sternest condemnation. There have been quite a number of books published lately, including the notorious "fake" which the *Daily Mail* exposed only a few weeks ago, in which the selling interest has centred mainly around scandal and ill-natured gossip, and it is high time that the great publishing houses at Home set themselves against the publication of this kind of stuff. We think that publishers in this matter are mostly to blame, for they have failed to create the "demand" for this class of so-called literature. The great public men of Britain still live in a pretty strict world, where moral values are not forgotten and where there is as high a standard as pertains in the comparable class of any other country. And after strenuous lives of public work it is not just that their memory should be tainted by slanderous assertions that the makers thereof would never dare to make whilst their victims were alive. It might not legally be possible to libel a dead man, but it is fair from honourable to slander his memory.

Kowloon Fire Brigade was called out to Reclamation Street at 7 a.m. yesterday to a small blaze in a second-floor back room used as a dwelling. Appliances were not used as the fire was subdued by bucket. Central Brigade was called to the Dairy Farm premises yesterday afternoon but was not required, the alarm having been given on the fusing of an electric wire.

London, Feb. 3.  
Paris ..... 123.25  
Brussels ..... 34.83  
Amsterdam ..... 12.13 1/2  
Berlin ..... 20.46  
Copenhagen ..... 18.19  
Prague ..... 183 3/4  
Oslo ..... 18.86  
Lisbon ..... 217.82  
Rio ..... 527.32  
Bombay ..... 1/1.53/64  
Hongkong ..... 2/1.5/16  
New York ..... 4.85 1/2  
Genoa ..... 25.22  
Milan ..... 113 1/4  
Stockholm ..... 18.13  
Vienna ..... 84.37 1/2  
Helsingfors ..... 102 1/4  
Madrid ..... 29.04  
Athens ..... 337 1/4  
Buenos Aires ..... 40 1/2  
Shanghai ..... 2/8 1/2  
Yokohama ..... 2/0.3/16  
Silver (spot) ..... 28  
Silver (forward) ..... 27 1/2

**DAY BY DAY.**

ALL GREAT MEN ARE IN SOME DEGREE INSPIRED.—*Tully.*

There have been no cases of notifiable disease reported in the Colony for the past three days.

Reports were current in town to-day that the river steamer *Sai On* was detained in Canton in connection with some trouble with the crew.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Bunje, Mrs. H. G. Earle, Miss D. Stone and Miss N. Stone are due here on the *Haruna Maru*, which left London on January 1st.

At the Masonic Hall last night, Rt. Wor Bro. J. Owen Hughes was installed as District Grand Master of the District Grand Lodge of Hongkong and South China.

Amongst the passengers who arrived by the a.s. *Patroclus* yesterday were Bishop and Mrs. Welch, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Priestley and Mr. and Mrs. Ho Ki.

A Chinese woman was injured through jumping from a moving tram-car at Des Voeux Road Central yesterday. She was taken to the Government Civil Hospital.

The name of Mr. Robert Henry Clive, C.M.G., appeared in the New Year Honours List for a K.C.M.G. He formerly served at Tokyo and Peking, and is now British Minister at Teheran.

The following promotion appears in the half-yearly list published by the Admiralty on Dec. 31:—Lieutenant-Commander (E.) to Commander E. J. H. H. Villiers Sunkey, Tamar, for Hongkong Yard.

Leading Seaman Chrisholm of H.M.S. *Iroquois* reported to the Police last night that he lost a wallet containing about \$15, somewhere between the Post Office and the Soldiers' Home, Wan Chai.

The new Squadron Medical Officer on the North America and West Indies Station is Surgeon-Commander H. E. R. Stephens, O.B.E., who served afloat in the Alacrity, dispatch vessel in China.

In connection with a recent affair at Yaumati, in which thieves broke into two factories at Waterloo Road and removed a number of spindles and machine parts, the police have arrested a Chinese, and recovered \$200 worth of the stolen property.

As from Jan. 4, Lieut. F. G. Hughes has been appointed navigator of the sloop  *Snapdragon*, target-towing sloop in the Atlantic Fleet. Lieut. Hughes was the navigating officer of the sloop *Valerian* when she foundered in the tremendous hurricane off Bermuda on Oct. 22, and had formerly served at Hongkong.

Darting across the roadway in Main Street, a little Chinese boy got into the way of an approaching car, yesterday, and was knocked down, one of the rear wheels passing over his legs. Police whistles were sounded, and the police arrived on the scene, to take the driver into custody, and the injured boy to the Government Civil Hospital.

The Chinese motor car driver, who is charged with manslaughter as the result of a traffic accident, again appeared before Mr. Schofield at the Central Magistracy this morning. Mr. C. A. S. Rias, who is defending, asked for a remand until Wednesday, which was granted, the time being fixed for 2.30 p.m. The defendant was driving a car at West Point when the vehicle knocked down a cargo cooler, killing him instantly.

**EXCHANGE RATES.**

**21 YEARS AGO.**

EXTRACTS FROM "TELEGRAPH" FILES.

The following items are from the *Hongkong Telegraph* for the week ended February 10th, 1906:

The rate of the dollar on demand was 25 1/2%.

The annual report of the Humphreys Estate and Finance Co., Ltd., showed a net profit of \$125,671. A dividend of 8 per cent. was recommended, leaving \$5,070 to be carried forward.

The death occurred from smallpox of Mr. E. A. Bonner, of the firm of Denny and Bowley.

The Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamship Company's profits for the year were \$104,080, and a dividend of \$1 per share was proposed.

The marriage took place at Christ Church, Shamian, of Mr. C. L. Page and Miss H. T. Mend.

The Governor of Macao denied a report from the Chinese Minister at Paris that Portugal was willing to sell Macao either to Britain or France.

Prince Arthur of Connaught arrived in Hongkong on his way to Japan to invest the Emperor with the Order of the Garter. There were elaborate celebrations, the Prince being given a very warm welcome.

Mr. V. H. Dencon, senior partner in the firm of Deacon, Looker and Deacon, left the Colony after 26 years' residence.

The Green Island Cement Company reported a profit of \$437,219. A dividend of 20 per cent. and a bonus dividend of 5 per cent. were proposed, leaving \$52,219 to be carried forward.

**NEW YEAR GAMBLING.**

**POLICE RAID AT WAN CHAI.**

Led by Detective-Sergeant Rozesky, a party of police visited a watchmaker's shop at Wan Chai, yesterday, their unexpected entry interrupting a game of *paikau* that was in progress and causing a stampede. Seventeen Chinese were taken into custody, of whom only five appeared in Court when the case was heard this morning at the Central Magistracy.

Sergeant Rozesky stated that the game was played in the rear of the premises, and in addition to the men who played dominoes, there were also four others who made up a mah-jongg party in front part of the establishment. These latter, however, were not arrested.

One of the defendants present in Court pleaded that he was only a visitor paying a New Year complimentary call on the proprietor of the shop. It was just bad luck which brought about his being in the place of the very moment when it was raided by the police. At the time, he was watching the mah-jongg game.

"But you were found in the rear of the shop," Mr. Lindell pointed out.

Defendant:—I went in to get a cup of tea.

The Magistrate:—Oh, I see—but that won't wash.

This man was fined \$3, as also were three other defendants. The fifth man was discharged.

Of the twelve absent defendants, two forfeited bail of \$75 each, and the others half of \$5 each.

**Y. M. C. A. ELECTION.**

**TOWN COUNCIL CAMPAIGN.**

An election is shortly to take place in connection with the Mudford-on-Sea Town Council which has been formed by the Y.M.C.A. in Kowloon. At present the Progressives have a majority on the Council, the membership being:—Progressives, 6; Moderates, 2; and Socialists, 2.

There are, however, three vacancies, and for these no fewer than six candidates have come forward. They are:—Progressives, Messrs. Sewell and McArthur; Moderates, Messrs. Keates and Walker; Socialists, Messrs. Long and Mum.

The election takes place on the 12th instant, and commencing on Monday next, there will be a week's campaign, during which the candidates and their supporters will address various gatherings.

**The Very Idea!**

The argument had been all on Mrs. Brown's side throughout the evening, and poor Brown was distinctly fed-up.

"You seem to think that a cold in the head means nothing to a woman," stormed his wife. "I don't know of anything more annoying!"

Her husband peered over the newspaper he had been endeavouring to read.

"No?" he countered, with a rare flash of spirit. "How about lockjaw?"

My cutie's got a sweetie,  
My sweetie's got a cutie,  
Her cutie is a beauty,  
But his sweetie's rather  
menty,  
Guess I have to do my duty,  
Like Napoleon or Bonaparte,  
So I'll go and see her cutie,  
While he goes and sees my  
sweetie.

Master George Lascelles, Prince Mary's eldest son, has been "bloodied" by Short, huntsman to the Bramham Moor Foxhounds, the master of which is Viscount Lascelles.

Master Lascelles is not yet four years of age. He was born on February 7, 1923.

Short, who is to retire at the end of the present season, claims to have had almost every bone in his body broken, but is emphatic in the opinion that hunting is the best sport in the world.

A schoolboy's version of the Parable of the Sower:—  
"The good seed are the good people who get married and have children, some twenty-fold, some fifty-fold, and some a hundred-fold."

Woman, when another woman was bound over at Acton for assaulting her: I am staying at the house for the benefit of my health.

Solicitor, at Bow County Court: What are you doing for a living? Debtor: I have three sons working.

A football cup, 1 cwt. in weight, carved out of coal, is one of the articles fashioned by Mr. George Turton, an engine winder, of Whitwell, near Worksop. Coal-carving, which calls for extraordinary care and patience, as a modelling material more brittle than coal would be hard to find, is Mr. Turton's sparetime hobby, and he has gained several championship medals for his work.

He recently completed a replica, in coal, of the headstone erected above his father's grave, the lettering and floral designs on the stone being reproduced to the minutest detail. His tools are a pocket-knife, a chisel, and a file.

"Sometimes a bit of work may be nearly finished," he said to me, "when a blow from one of my tools—a little heavier than usual will ship it, which means that I have to start all over again."

Some more "howlers":—  
She bade him welcome with a simile.

An example of translation from French—"I have never broken into the bar, but the thought that it was there has often given me courage."

Forten's barometer has a Vernier scale, so called because it helps to give us vernier the correct barometer reading.

## \$20,000 BAIL.

## OPIUM POSSESSION CASE.

After being adjourned from Monday afternoon, the case in which a Chinese is charged with possession of two hundred taels of non-Government opium, valued at \$2,400, again came before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Police Court this morning, when Mr. Leo d'Almada defended. Divisional Inspector P. Grant prosecuted. A Chinese district watchman said on January 29th, at about quarter past seven in the evening, the defendant was pointed out to him in Des Voeux Road, West. Witness approached the defendant and asked him what he had inside a parcel which he was carrying. The defendant replied "Nothing." Noticing that the parcel was heavy, witness took the defendant to the Police Station, and refused "Ten money" which the defendant offered to get.

When the parcel was examined, it was found to contain four tins each of which contained fifty one-tael tins of opium.

In reply to Mr. d'Almada, witness denied that the defendant told him he was carrying the parcel for another man, and was in ignorance of its contents. He also denied that the defendant pointed out a man a short distance away as the person for whom he was carrying the parcel.

This closed the evidence for the prosecution, and Mr. d'Almada applied for the case to be adjourned until Thursday, in order that he might call certain witnesses.

Mr. Lindsell granted the application and intimated that he would hear the defence at noon. Bail, he added, would be the same as before, \$20,000.

## SILVER OUTLOOK.

## MESSRS. MONTAGU'S REPORT.

Reporting on the silver market on January 5th, Messrs. S. Montagu and Company state:

Delivery in time for the January Bombay settlement has been extended to consignments by this week's steamer, and prices have therefore been sustained by purchases for shipment, though, in most cases, limits were given and were from day to day reduced.

Quotations consequently were disposed to ease, the movement being assisted by weakening China exchanges, accompanied by offerings of silver from that quarter. Unrest on account of affairs at Hankow appears to act as a bear factor.

America has been disposed to sell, but the Continent has been as usual of late, inactive. Though the appearance of the market is dull, the movement downward appears to be sluggish.

## LADIES' NIGHT.

## ENJOYABLE Y.M. FUNCTION.

There was another most enjoyable Ladies' Night at the Y.M.C.A. in Kowloon last evening, when there was a large gathering at a dinner, the lady guests numbering over seventy.

After dinner, an excellent entertainment took place in the Lounge. Much-appreciated songs were rendered by Mr. E. E. Hopkins and Mrs. W. Robson, both being in fine voice, whilst Mr. R. Sutherland was extremely good in Scottish stories, songs at the piano and in a very clever ventriloquism turn. Violin solos by Mr. D. J. Hill were admirably rendered.

Other features of the programme were "A Village Entertainment," in which Mr. John Anderson was the presiding officer, and a general knowledge competition arranged by Mr. J. Hunt, the Y.M.C.A. Secretary.

## FLYING HOME.

## AIR MINISTER'S RETURN TRIP.

London, Feb. 3. Sir Samuel Hoare, the Secretary for Air, and Lady Maud Hoare, are now flying home from India. They left Karachi this morning and were to reach Jask this evening.—*British Wireless*.

Having always expressed the wish that death would not divide them, Mr. and Mrs. William Oliver, aged 72 and 68 respectively, of Ash Thomas, Halberton, Devonshire, died within an hour of each other.

## MUSICAL JOTTINGS.

Local Music—Heifitz, Moiseiwitsch and Zimbalist Coming "La Traviata."

[BY "ALLEGRO."]

Mr. Harry Ore had an excellent audience for his piano forte recital on Jan. 25th. The St. Andrew's Hall is not a good one for acoustics, the resonance of the piano resulting in a blurring of rapid passages through no fault of the player. For this reason alone, the *Telegraph* made a fair comment in remarking that Mr. Ore seemed to be galloping through at unnecessary speed, much of the rapid and delicate finger-work being lost upon the audience. Apart from this drawback, there were one or two solos which, in any case, we should have preferred taken at a more leisurely pace, particularly the Mozart Turkish March which sounded more like a rout at Gallipoli.

A contemporary, in its account of the recital, said:—"Mr. Li Chor Chi, a Chinese baritone, who made a decided impression, on this, his debut as a public vocalist." Mr. Li Chor Chi has, of course, often been heard in local concerts and is noted for his clear articulation in French songs which are his specialty and pleasing to listen to.

The trio which plays daily in Lane Crawford's restaurant has been much improved by the replacement of the original violinist, and is quite enjoyable to listen to the present players. It is such a change to hear music of a non-jazz variety while taking one's meals, and as the repertoire has been increased and the playing is of a good standard, this innovation is resulting in the Cafe becoming the most popular meeting—and eating—place in town, both in the afternoons and evenings. The management deserve our appreciation and encouragement for their continued efforts to improve the standard of performance and the quality of music supplied to the public.

There was a report in the *Daily Press* of the Helena May Musical on Jan. 20th in which it was stated that Mrs. F. C. Hall provided an interesting sketch, Eng. Lt.-Comdr. Redells was heard to advantage in a selected contribution and in the "Flagraegi" prologue, and Mr. R. A. Green gave a selected number. The favourable comments were somewhat discounted by the fact that Mrs. Hall had given, not a sketch, but three recitations and a song at the piano, Eng.-Lt.-Comdr. Redells had omitted the selected contribution and Mr. R. A. Green did not turn up at the concert at all!

Owing to the departure of "Allegro" on home leave there will be no Musical Jottings for a few months, but it is hoped that they will be resumed about December next, when they will possibly contain new features and regular reviews of new music.

Whether Alex. Moguilewsky, the violinist, will come here or not is ill uncertain, but a little more information is available regarding Heifitz and Moiseiwitsch, who, it was reported, would visit Hongkong this year. According to present arrangements, Heifitz will be here about March 23rd, and Benno Moiseiwitsch, who has now added to his long-standing reputation in Great Britain, by triumphal tours in America, Europe and Australia, will commence his Eastern tour in Java next July. Zimbalist, the violinist who visited us and made such a good impression in 1924, is also under agreement to make another Far Eastern tour. It would be gratifying if a violinist of equal fame were on the list of visitors, but it is not for us to do any grumbling for we are exceedingly lucky to have the opportunity of hearing even one first-class artist a year, in this far off corner of the globe.

Benno Moiseiwitsch is, at the age of 36, one of the leading pianists of the day. To Londoners he is especially well-known, being a favourite soloist at Symphony and Prom. concerts at Queen's Hall and having given many well-filled recitals there during the past 15 years. He created quite a sensation when he visited America after the War. Acustomed as they are in the States to performers claiming to be prodigies, among them being a fair percentage of first-class artists, the fact that Moiseiwitsch was the surprise of the season there speaks for itself. He is always bringing forward new compositions, usually by some unknown composer, and it is interesting to note that he has been playing those three Chinese pieces by Abram Chasius to which attention has been drawn in these columns.

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## JAPAN'S BANK INTEREST.

## A LOWER RATE ON DEPOSITS.

Tokyo, Feb. 3. The general Banks of Tokyo and Yokohama have decided to lower deposit interest by half-a-sen as from February 9th. The Bank of Japan is expected to take similar action.—*Reuter*.

the Bechstein Hall in a loose-fitting robe like a dressing gown, tied by a cord, and open at the neck, a most sane conception of a really comfortable attire for a pianist, collars and cuffs being a positive curse—as out of place at a recital as at a cricket match.

The Italian Opera Co. made only a five-days' stay here on their return trip; some of their number seemed to have stayed behind in Shanghai. What happened to their orchestra on this occasion? With a pianist who dragged behind the singers and violinist who in turn walked for her, supplemented by two other instrumentalists, the soloists and chorus had rather a harrowing experience on the stage. In "La Traviata" they had to carry on a great part of the time without any accompaniment from the orchestra and one was left to assume that they had suddenly lost their regular pianist and that the substitute was unable to read off the score. A few bars on the piano, then silence, the curtain rises, a few more bars, an unaccompanied solo—well, there must be some very valid excuse for it, and seeing that sympathy with the performers was more powerful than any other emotion experienced during the opera, this is an occasion for felicitations rather than criticism.

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As a further illustration of the little simple things being so badly done in opera, of which various examples were given in the October 28th Jottings, one might cite the revel scene of "La Traviata." What was described in the programme as "a beautiful revel" was represented by a table with two champagne bottles on it, some glasses and an opened pumelo! It may be difficult to lay hold of enough goodies to depict a banquet, but if nothing better than a half-eaten pumelo can be found, surely it is wiser not to incur an audience's laughter and leave them to imagine that the table has been cleared of eatables!

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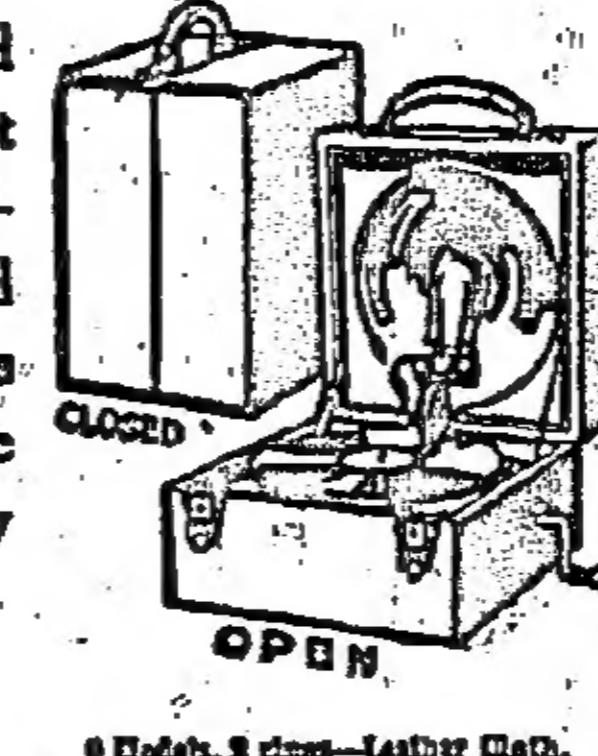
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## LATEST CORPS ORDERS.

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## FIELD DAY.

A Field Day will be held in the neighbourhood of Fanling on Sunday, 13th February. Full details will be published later. This will count as one day in camp for those who have been unable to complete the requisite four days.

## ANNUAL INSPECTION.

The General Officer Commanding South China Command will inspect the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps on Tuesday, 22nd February, on Murray Parade Ground, at 6 p.m. Every member of the Corps (Reserves Company included) is required to attend. Further details will be issued later. Members are reminded that attendance at the above inspection is one of the qualifications for efficiency.

## ARTILLERY COMPANY.

City and Taikuo Sections will parade at Volunteer Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 8th February. Lecture will be given by Lieut. G. H. Sloane-Stanley, R.A. Transport for Taikuo Section will be at Taikuo Dock, East Gate, at 4.45 p.m. on Tuesday, 8th February.

## ENGINEER COMPANY.

Field, Signal and Light Sections will parade at Volunteer Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Monday, 7th February. Subject: Squad Drill with arms. Dress: Multi.

## INFANTRY COMPANY.

On Tuesday, 8th February, at 5.30 p.m.—No. 1 Platoon at Volunteer Headquarters. Lewis Gun Elementary Handling under Lieut/Sergt. S. Jarvis, M.C. No. 2 Platoon Lewis Gun firing at Kennedy Road Range under Lieut. E. J. R. Mitchell, and Arms Drill for those detailed, under Sergt. V. C. Branson, M.C. Nos. 3 and 4 Platoons at Miniature Range under 2/Lieut. R. R. Davies, M.C., M.M. Signalling Class as usual.

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## MEDICAL SECTION.

The whole of the Medical Section, W.D., N.C.O.s and men are expected to turn up for the practice parades for General's Inspection.

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For	Per	Date
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Moren		Sat. Feb. 5.
	Registration	9.45 a.m.
	Letters	10.30 a.m.

(Due Marseilles 4th March.)

Saigon	Ningbo	Sat. Feb. 5 10 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Parcels	Sat. Feb. 5. Noon
Sam Shui and Wuchow	Tei Ming	Sat. Feb. 5, 4.30 p.m.
Amoy	Anhui	Sat. Feb. 5, 5 p.m.

Formosa, Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu U.S.A. C. & S. America, Canada and Europe via San Francisco	Korea Maru	Sat. Feb. 5.
and San Francisco March 4th and Europe via Siberia (Letters and Europe via Marseilles specially superscribed "via Siberia" only.)	Registration	4.15 p.m.
	Letters	5 p.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Kaijo Maru	Sun. Feb. 6, 8 a.m.
Sandakan	Loksum	Sun. Feb. 6, 9 a.m.
Salagon and Bangkok	Sekkow Maru	Sun. Feb. 6, 9 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta	Fookang	Sun. Feb. 6, 9 a.m.

Amoy	Registration	noon.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Letters	1 p.m.
Manila	Shantung	Mon. Feb. 7, 5 p.m.
Swatow	Haiching	Tues. Feb. 8, Noon
Hainan and Haiphong	Pres. McKinley Tues.	Feb. 8, 3.30 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. and S. Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Kwangtung	Tues. Feb. 8, 5 p.m.

Amoy	Team	Wed. Feb. 9, 10 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Sarpedon	Wed. Feb. 9.
Manila	Registration	8.45 a.m.
Swatow	Letters	10.30 a.m.

Haiphong	(Due Marseilles 9th March.)	
Straits and Calcutta	Minggang	Thurs. Feb. 10, 8.30 a.m.
	Kutang	Fri. Feb. 11, 10 a.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Parcels	1 p.m.
Salagon, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. and S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Letters	1 p.m.

Amoy	Haiming	Sat. Feb. 12, noon
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Splur	Sat. Feb. 15.
Salagon, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. and S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Registration	1.45 p.m.
	Letters	2.30 p.m.

Correspondence bearing reader's name only.	(Due Marseilles 12th March.)	
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## STRENGTH.

The following recruits are taken as the strength and posted as under—  
No. 1111 Pte. C. E. M. Terry, No. 2 Platoon.  
No. 1112 Pte. J. L. Alves, No. 4 Platoon.  
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No. 1116 Pte. A. McWhirter, No. 5 Platoon.  
No. 1117 Pte. D. L. McLean, No. 5 Platoon.  
No. 1118 Pte. N. Drummond, No. 7 Platoon.  
No. 1119 Spr. A. J. Cole, Engineers Coy.

## PROMOTION.

No. 423 Sergt. G. T. Padgett, Engineer Company is promoted to Staff Sergeant, as from January 27, 1924.

## REVERSION.

No. 290 Corporal W. Hyde, No. 6 Platoon is permitted to revert to the ranks at his own request, as from January 18, 1927.

## LEAVE.

The following are granted leave of absence from the Corps:—Pte. J. McElvie, No. 6 Platoon from Feb. 1st, 1927 to Jan. 31st, 1928; Pte. W. M. Cox, No. 1 Platoon from Feb. 1st, 1927, to Jan. 31st, 1928.

## RESIGNATION.

No. 298 Pte. J. Adam, No. 5 Platoon, is permitted to resign from the Corps, as from January 22, 1927 having completed five years and ten months' service in the Corps.

## MARKSMEN.

The undermentioned have qualified as Marksmen and are entitled to wear the badge for one year:—No. 608 Pte. G. R. Vallack, A. Car Coy., 96 points; No. 59 Pte. W. J. Woolley, A. Car Coy., 92 points; No. 461 Spr. H. F. Westlake, Eng. Coy., 99 points.

Mrs. Baldwin Raper, formerly the wife of Mr. Baldwin Raper, ex-M.P. for East Islington, was married at St. Marylebone Register Office recently to Col. James Monroe Love jun. of the United States Army.

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## HANKOW BREAKDOWN.

## BRITISH NEWSPAPER VIEWS.

Rugby, Feb. 3.

The situation in China, which was considered at a meeting by the Cabinet yesterday, will, it is understood, be further reviewed at a meeting to-day. No developments have occurred to modify the broad and liberal policy which the Government have laid down, and although disappointment is expressed that the signature of the agreement for a temporary settlement of the status of the Concessions at Hankow and Kiukiang is still unsigned, this incident has not deflecting the British Government from its main purpose.

The British offer, which was announced with precision in a statement published last night, still holds good if and when a competent Chinese authority is found to take advantage of it on behalf of the Chinese nation as a whole.

News of the statement was largely anticipated in Sir Anster Chamberlain's weekend speech. In view of Mr. Chen's subsequent refusal to sign the draft agreement regarding the Concessions the announcement that the proposal had at that time already been presented to him has caused surprise in the press. The Times says, "All that could possibly be regarded as fair, equitable and practicable in the interests of China, as well as of Great Britain, has been offered in the proposals. Mr. Chen having been informed of those proposals on January 27th, agreed last weekend to discuss with Mr. O'Malley the position of the Hankow and Kiukiang Concessions. He was perfectly aware that military precautions for the defence of lives and property at Shanghai had been taken. Negotiations proceeded actively over the weekend, and an agreement was drafted and was ready for signature on January 29th. Finally, after repeated postponements, Mr. Chen declared that he could not sign because British troops were being sent to Shanghai a fact that he said he had known all the time he was drafting the agreement."

The alarm expressed by Mr. Chen at the despatch of troops has been answered in the number of Ministerial pronouncements during the past three weeks. Troops are being sent with the sole purpose to defend the lives and property of British nationals, should they be threatened. British Wireless.

London, Feb. 3.

While no official information is yet obtainable with regard to the Cabinet discussions on China yesterday, the newspapers agree in the belief that British policy is unchanged.

There is no confirmation of the New York report that the Shanghai Defence Force may be diverted to Hongkong and Weihaiwei.

The Press is almost solidly behind the Government.

The Times in an editorial says the Government's policy is excellent. There is no occasion for them to relinquish the task of negotiation or protection.

The Daily Telegraph attributes Mr. Chen's sudden and belated demand for the recall of the British troops to a desire to counter the activities of Peking, and says that both parties to this edifying competition may rest assured that neither will be in a position to claim that its action has caused the British Government to depart from its declared intentions.

The Morning Post says that Chen, by suspending negotiations, was trying to force the British Government to stop its concentration, which is one of several signs that the policy of concentration is sound. It will be found to be the most powerful argument and the most helpful factor in the pursuit of peace. The Post urges the severance of Anglo-Russian relations as a reply to the Russian attack in China.

The Daily Chronicle says, "The British proposals to China are liberal and far-reaching. The hitch at Hankow is not necessarily fatal, but must be seriously considered. It is a case for compromise and for peace. The Post urges the severance of Anglo-Russian relations as a reply to the Russian attack in China."

The Westminster Gazette says Mr. Chen has not made things easy for us. He cannot expect us to withdraw under threats, but if he will show us that his Government is willing and able to protect the foreign concessions in Shanghai we certainly shall not desire to take that work out of his hands, or make any show of force that may be superfluous.

The Daily News suggests that the British troops should be withdrawn if in the meantime a document is drawn up by Mr. O'Malley and formally signed: or the troops should be landed not at Shanghai but at the nearest convenient port pending negotiations, provided a definite guarantee is given that the Cantonese will not advance upon Shanghai beyond an agreed line at a safe distance from the town.

The Daily Herald says the British Government should call a halt in military preparations. Then they will secure peace with honour. —Reuter.

## CHINA'S WAR.

## INDEFINITE SITUATION IN CHEKIANG.

Shanghai, Feb. 3.

The military situation in Chekiang is somewhat obscure. There have been persistent reports during the past few days that Sun Chuan-fang's forces sustained a defeat south of Hangchow, but these reports are not believed to be authoritative in foreign quarters here and are stoutly denied by Sun Chuan-fang's headquarters.

They probably are based on the fact that a couple of days ago Sun Chuan-fang's forces retreated from Lan-chi and are now probably no further forward than Yen-chow, on the Tsin-tang river.

This is not admitted by Sun Chuan-fang's headquarters but it is believed to be true. It does not of course constitute a reverse.

The reason for drawing in Sun Chuan-fang's lines is not clear but foreign military experts here think it is due to the arrival of southern reinforcements, possibly Hunanese troops, at Chu-chow on the western border of Chekiang.

Several reports are current to the effect that the Southerners intend making a drive on Shanghai so that the city may be occupied before the British troops arrive. —Reuter.

Big Battle at Changshutam.

Shanghai, Feb. 2.

The Southern forces resumed the offensive against Lau-kai from Ku-chow, and were met by Sun's troops in three places, the centre of the fighting being at Changshutam.

Heavy casualties are reported to have been suffered by both sides. The Southerners made their retreat to Lung-yau and Ku-chow on the 29th ult., and General Mang Chao-yu-chi is preparing to pursue the retreating forces.

General Chow Yam-yun, formerly of Fukien, called a meeting at Sha-koing of his subordinates, and it was decided that his army should turn back, to suppress the remnants of the Chekiang forces, and oppose the invasion of Chekiang territory by the Cantonese forces under Ho Ying-yam.

General Li Chen-sung, who surrendered to the Nationalists forces on the capitulation of Fukien, has also left Foochow for Chekiang, with his troops, and General Yan Chu-king is in charge of the administration of Foochow. —Wah Kin Yat Po.

## JUNK PIRATED.

## MASTER AND CARGO OWNERS KIDNAPPED.

The piracy of a trading junk was reported to the Harbour Office yesterday morning by the steersman, on his return to Hongkong from Lin Tin to where the junk had been taken after it had been pirated and the owners of the cargo and master had been kidnapped by the men.

The junk, of 972 tons capacity, left Tam Chau in the Heung Shan district early on the morning of January 30. There were nine males on board including three owners of the cargo of sugar and one passenger. At 8 o'clock that same night near Ki O, Heung Shan, a grey launch was sighted. The junk was passing within 50 feet of the launch when someone on board fired at it. The crew immediately sought shelter in the cargo hold, while the launch came alongside the junk and four or five men boarded the smaller boat. They took the cargo owners and master on to the launch, the others being imprisoned in the hold with two pirates keeping guard over them.

The junk was towed to Kam Sing Mun where the pirates disembarked taking the four persons, part of the cargo and the junk's armament consisting of four rifles, one signal, 122 cartridges and four pounds of gun powder. They also stole a box of percussion caps and clothing to the value of \$10. The pirate launch steamed away in the direction of Macao while the junk went to Lin Tin from where it came to Hongkong. The total value of the cargo taken was about \$200.

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Mr. Chen Relies on British Labour.

London, Feb. 3.

The Independent Labour Party has received a long cable from Mr. Chen enclosing a copy of his statement to Mr. O'Malley breaking off negotiations at Hankow.

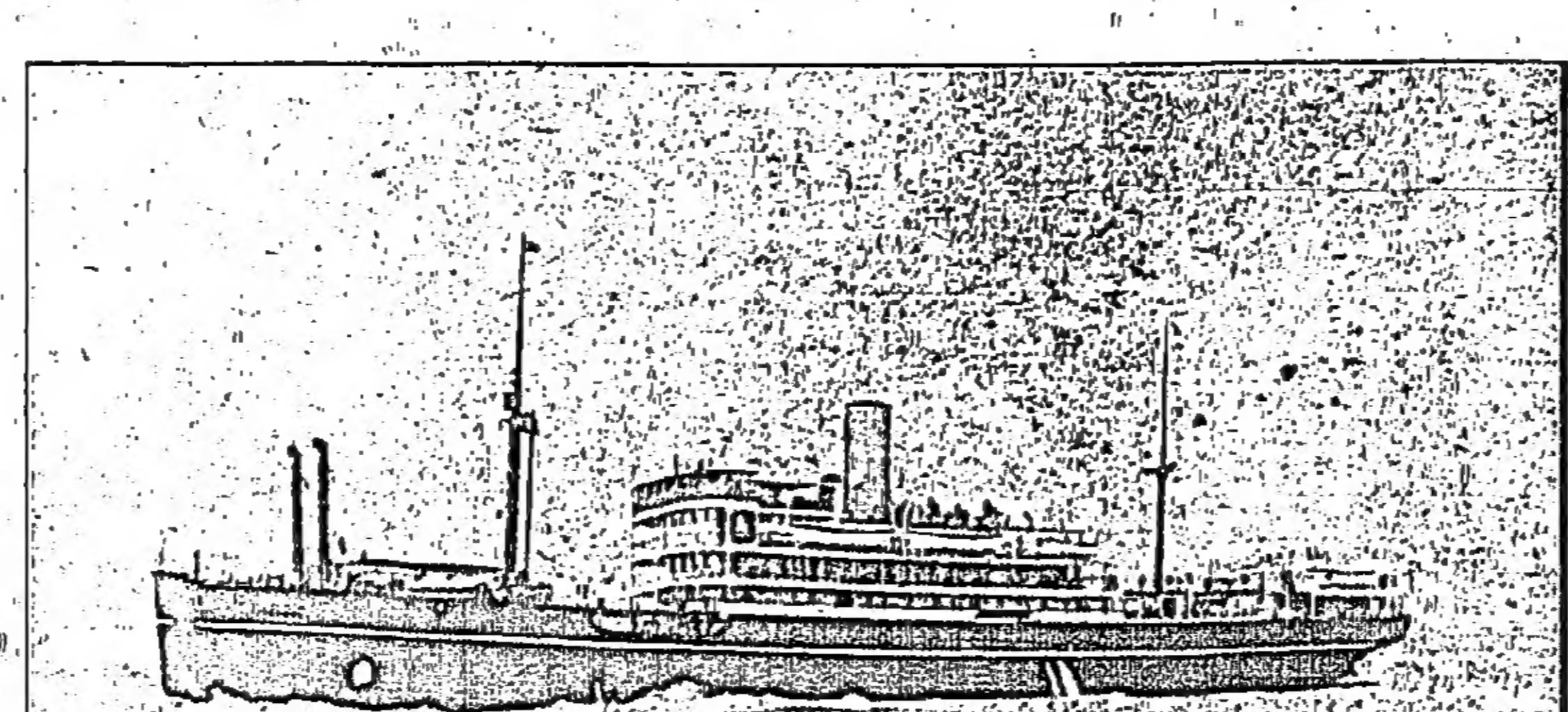
Mr. Chen's cable, which is a reply to cables from the National Joint Labour Council, British Labour Council for Chinese Freedom, and I.L.P., assures them of the desire of his government to negotiate a peaceful settlement, relying on British Labour to assist in controlling the adventurous elements of the British Government. —Reuter.

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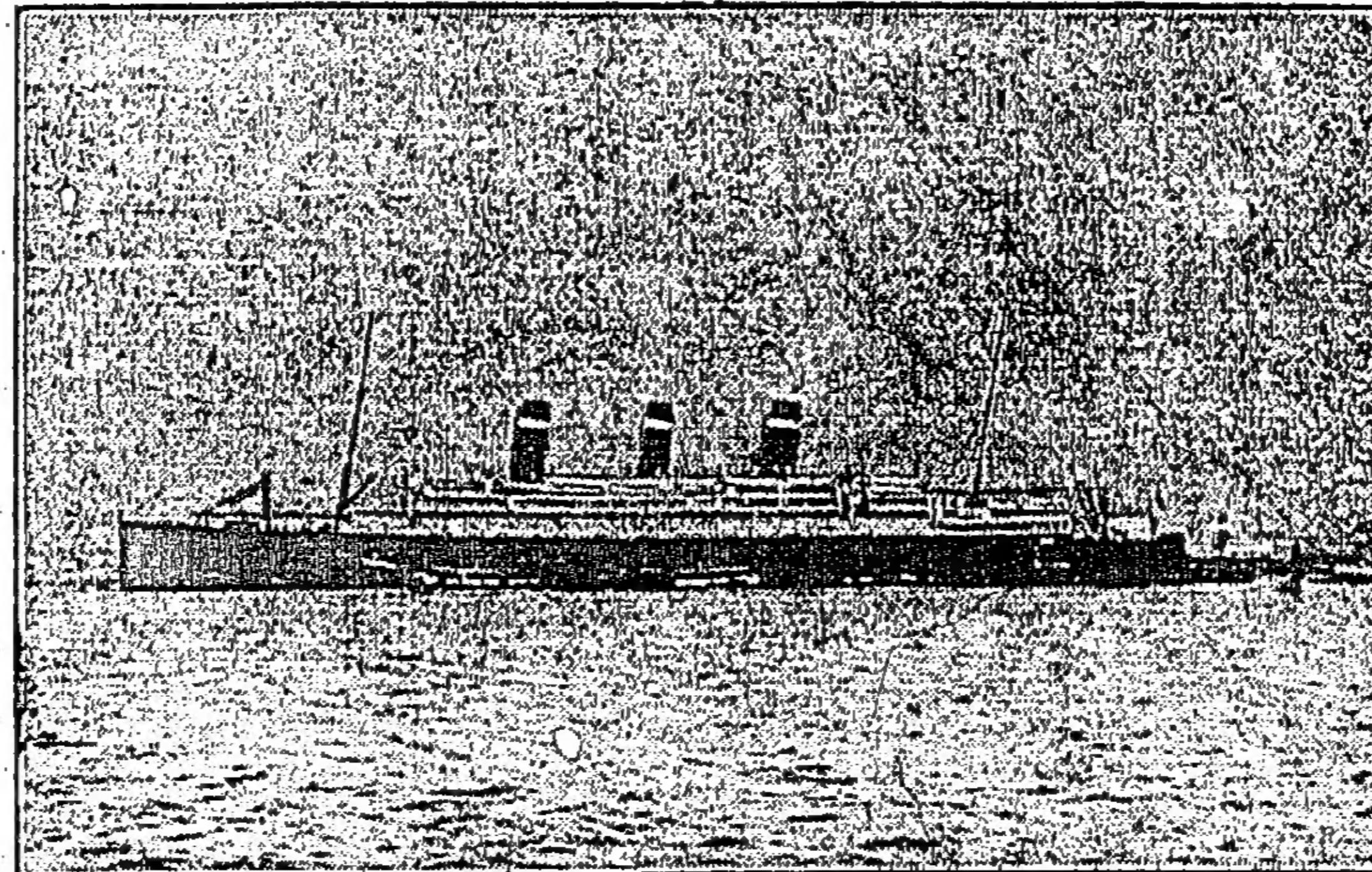
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## HANKOW DEALLOCK ISSUE.

(Continued From Page 1.)

Donald introduced. Afterwards, the National Joint Council met again for a short discussion, and adjourned until to-morrow.—Reuter.

## RUSSIAN INFLUENCE.

## CABINET MINISTERS' VIEWS.

London, Feb. 3. It is noteworthy that two Cabinet Ministers last evening, in dealing with China, dwelt on Russian influence on the Anglo-Chinese negotiations.

Mr. Amer, in a speech at Willesden, declared that the British terms would never be rejected by any Chinese Government that was thinking only of Chinese rights or even of Chinese sentiments. If they were rejected, it could only be through the influence of other forces behind the Chinese Government—forces concerned not with Chinese welfare but with world revolution and destruction of the British Empire. The British Government was not going to be deterred from pursuing a patient and conciliatory policy and doing our imperative duty to our fellow-citizens in China.

Mr. W. C. Bridgeman, in a speech at Ellesmere, declared: "It is clear that the influence which is causing all the difficulty between Britain and China is not so much Chinese as Russian. We must exercise as great as possible patience in resisting that influence. He did not in the least despair of our arriving at some reasonable arrangement for the revision of the Treaties, but nobody would wish us to risk the lives of our fellow-subjects by hurrying in the negotiations without securing that their safety was thoroughly assured.—Reuter.

## SPECIAL INTERCESSION.

## APPEAL TO CLERGY AND MINISTERS.

London, Feb. 3. In view of the present anxieties and perils in the Far East, the Archbishops of Canterbury and the President of the National Council of Evangelical Free Churches, urge all clergy and ministers to make special intercession on February 6th, for a "peaceful, honourable and permanent settlement" of the existing Anglo-Chinese differences.—Reuter.

## FRENCH AIMS.

## JEALOUS OF CHINA'S INTEGRITY.

Paris, Feb. 3. Before the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Senate, M. Briand said that in the Far East, the French Government was dominated by the care not to impair the integrity of China. It was ready, when the time came, to facilitate for China access to independence and the possession of liberties enjoyed by the most modest national organisations.

M. Briand hoped that the Chinese authorities in the regions controlled by them would take all necessary steps to protect lives and property.—Reuter.

The rainfall registered at the Botanical Gardens during January totalled 6.44-inch. There were 29 days on which no rain fell.

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with plenty of humour and a pleasing touch of romance. Max Davidson plays the role of Jackie's partner admirably, whilst Joan Crawford is excellent as Mary Riley. The film is well worth seeing. Other features in the programme are a lengthy Gaumont news reel, an Inkwell cartoon and a Prizma colour picture, to say nothing of the excellent orchestral selections. There were big houses at all sessions yesterday.